



Men Against Violence Against Women

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What Is The BSD Syndrome?

The **BSD Syndrome** is a local Trinidad and Tobago analytical concept for Domestic and other Violence, being developed by the NGO, "**Men Against Violence Against Women (MAVAW).**" (1994).

This concept utilizes the information, research and expertise already available for people working in the area of Violence Reduction, placing all that is presently being made use off, under the phenomenon of a **Syndrome**, identifying **BSD's** in a number of ways, briefly explained below.

Tons of work has already been done on: -

- **Belief System Deficits, (BSD)**
- **Behaviour Skill Deficits, (BSD)**
- **Biological System Deficits (BSD) and**
- **Baggage System Dependencies (BSD)** by practicing

Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Sociologists, Social Workers, Medical Internists, Building Biologists, Nutritionists, Interior Designers and Housing Specialists/Community Planners.

Unfortunately, rarely do more than one or two of these professionals; focus on the problem of Domestic Violence and/or Societal Violence, at any one point in time or in any single piece of literature, primarily because of academic learning structures and egotistical practices.

What the **BSD Syndrome** will do, is to pool all the relevant data together under a **Syndrome** and spread the gospel of a Holistic approach to solving Violence Problems. In the **BSD Syndrome**, you will realize that violence in relationships is a paradoxical issue. Characteristics identified as BSD's in "**abusive outwards behaviour**", is complemented and also considered "**abusive acceptance behaviour**", recording the paradoxical fact that both parties in a relationship have BSD's.

It is therefore, a philosophical and scientific way to moves from the individual discipline solutions to a multi-discipline solution and depends on the acceptance of the **concept** that no one discipline has the answer for a situation where recurring violent behaviour have a variety of influencing elements.

Consequently, a model of the four (4) main characteristics within the **syndrome** can be used for research, analysis and diagnostic purposes. In addition, programmes for development in the four areas identified above, can be designed to replace the existing unsuitable ones, which in the main, contribute to polarizing the sexes, using inflammatory language, limiting the healing process.

A lot of research has already been collected for editing, prior to the preparation of a multi-authored text titled "**Roots of Societal Violence—Understanding the BSD Syndrome**". A few professionals have already been approached to be part of this ambitious project and in due course, some of the challenging logistics will be hammered into place. The days of using "Batterer", "Victim", "Perpetrators" in violence analysis, are numbered in the minority.

A letter to the Webmaster of the most powerful "male issues" website, Bert Hoff is appended to this explanation for further clarification and description of our work as **MAVAW**.

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